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In re the Application of: Akira MATSUMOTO and Masashi FUKUYAMA

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Examiner: Alicia Ann Chevalier

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POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record based on the following arguments.

Examiner Chevalier is thanked for courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during a telephonic interview on February 7, 2007. The substance of that interview has been incorporated into the following remarks.

Claims 2-6 and 20-23 were rejected under §103(a) over Kozuka JP '246. This rejection is respectfully traversed.